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PRIME MINISTER'S

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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TO IMMEDIATE PEKING

TELEGRAM NUMBER 467 OF 12 SEPTEMBER.

YOUR TELNO 578: CHINESE GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG AND CHAIRMAN HUA GUOFENG.

2. MESSAGE TO ZHAO:
BEGINS

I SEND YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS
PRIME MINISTER.

I HAVE BEEN VERY GRATIFIED BY THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, INCLUDING YOUR OWN VISIT
HERE LAST YEAR, AND ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEIR FURTHER
EXPANSION. WE SHARE A WIDE RANGE OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL
INTERESTS. I HOPE WE CAN INCREASINGLY WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS
IMPROVING THE PROSPECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

I AM PLEASED THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CARRINGTON, WILL SHORTLY HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. I HAVE
ALSO BEEN WATCHING WITH INTEREST AND ADMIRATION THE DEVELOPMENT OF
YOUR PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC MODERNISATION AND I BELIEVE THAT IN
THIS FIELD ALSO WE CAN EXTEND OUR CO-OPERATION TO OUR MUTUAL
ADVANTAGE.

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3. MESSAGE TO CHAIRMAN HUA:
BEGINS

AS YOU RELINQUISH YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS PREMIER, I SEND
YOU MY BEST PERSONAL WISHES. I RECALL WITH MUCH PLEASURE OUR
VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS DURING YOUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO
BRITAIN LAST YEAR. YOUR VISIT REPRESENTED A MAJOR LANDMARK IN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS UNDER YOUR PREMIERSHIP
AND WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

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